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August 14, 2008

Mr. Kenneth H. Blodgett
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: *Proposed abandonment of Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company line between M.P. 0.19 and M.P. 1.3 Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming*

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

On August 4, 2008, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification of adverse effect for the referenced undertaking, submitted in accordance with Section 800.6(a)(1) of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). The background documentation included with your submission does not meet the requirements in Section 800.11(e) of the ACHP's regulations. We are therefore unable to determine whether Appendix A of the regulations, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, applies to this undertaking. Accordingly, we request that you submit the following additional information so that we can determine whether our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is warranted.

First, it is unclear, based on the documentation submitted, how or whether the Surface Transportation Board (STB) has responded to concerns raised by the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in its letter of February 25, 2003. Among the concerns the SHPO raised then was that "there is no evidence that the bridge was ever evaluated for its eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places prior to becoming part of the greenbelt." We would appreciate clarification on any relationship the establishment of a greenbelt has to the proposed undertaking.

Second, we would appreciate information on how the STB applied the criteria of adverse effect to the rail line, and whether the SHPO, given the passage of five years, has provided any additional views other than those in the 2003 letter.

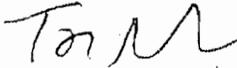
Finally, STB should provide copies or summaries of any views provided by consulting parties regarding the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

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Once we receive this information, we will notify you within 15 days of our decision whether to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Blythe Semmer at 202-606-8552 or via e-mail at bsemmer@achp.gov.

Sincerely,



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**From: Office of Federal Agency Programs
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Attached is our letter on the subject undertaking (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format)

If you have any questions concerning our letter, please contact:

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